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President: Mr. Freitas do Amaral ..... (Portugal)

The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

Reports of the First Committee

The President: This afternoon, the General Assembly will consider the reports of the First Committee on agenda items 57 to 81.

I request the Rapporteur of the First Committee, Mr. Rajab Sukayri of Jordan, to introduce the reports of the First Committee in one intervention.

Mr. Sukayri (Jordan), Rapporteur of the First Committee: It is my great honour and privilege to present to the General Assembly the reports of the disarmament and international security Committee, the First Committee. The reports of the First Committee under agenda items 57 to 81 are contained in documents A/50/577 to A/50/601, inclusive. In this connection, I would like to indicate that corrigenda have been issued to documents A/50/585, A/50/590 and A/50/600.

This year, the Committee had before it for consideration a total of 25 items, which subsumed 21 sub-items. The Committee concluded its work in 29 formal meetings and seven informal meetings, in a spirit of accommodation, despite the number of complex issues with which the Committee was confronted. Also, with the need for further rationalization of the work and proceedings of the Committee in mind, every effort was made to utilize the conference facilities accorded to the Committee in an efficient and effective manner.

The Committee devoted nine meetings, from 16 to 26 October, to the combined general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items. In order to enhance the effectiveness of its work, the Committee at this session once again set aside time for a structured discussion of specific subjects within the framework of a thematic approach, by holding seven informal meetings, from 30 October to 3 November 1995. This phase of the work of the Committee lent a higher degree of coherence to the discussions and made them more focused and action-oriented.

At the current session, the Committee considered a total of 48 draft resolutions, of which two draft resolutions — A/C.1/50/L.14, entitled "Status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction", and A/C.1/50/L.15, entitled "Prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices" — were not pressed to action by their respective sponsors. Of the draft proposals adopted, 24 draft resolutions and one draft decision were adopted by the Committee without a vote; this constituted some 50 per cent of the total number of proposals adopted.

During the general debate, Member States raised, and focused on, a plethora of issues in the field of international security and disarmament, ranging from the issue of small arms to the prevention of an arms race in outer space and from bilateral nuclear arms negotiations to nuclear-weapon-free zones. However, the following

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issues were most widely discussed: The 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) was referred to by most delegations that participated in the deliberations. The views on this issue, however, varied, from those who commended the outcome of that Conference in general terms to those who addressed a number of specific issues. Many delegations noted the importance of the indefinite extension of the NPT as a step which had considerably enhanced the international nuclear non-proliferation regime. Many others, however, stressed the fact that the indefinite extension had not been the only significant outcome of the Conference. Rather, they drew the attention of the Committee to such issues as security assurances by nuclear-weapon States to non-nuclear-weapon States, the necessity for concluding a zero-yield verifiable comprehensive test-ban treaty, and the necessity for the immediate initiation within the Conference on Disarmament of negotiations on a fissile material cut-off treaty.

The Committee adopted a draft resolution on the NPT Conference which took note of the Conference's three decisions, namely, strengthening the review process for the Treaty; principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament; and extension of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. It also noted the resolution on the Middle East adopted by the parties to the Treaty on 11 May 1995.

Other issues that were focused upon during the discussion included continued nuclear testing by nuclear-weapon States other than those that still observe a voluntary moratorium on testing. This constituted one of the most controversial questions, both during the discussion and later on during the consideration of and action on draft resolutions.

Another issue of clear significance within the area of nuclear weapons was the establishment, or consolidation, of nuclear-weapon-free zones in the Middle East, South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, a draft resolution entitled "Final text of the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (the Pelindaba Treaty)" was adopted without a vote. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East continued this year to be controversial in spite of the fact that the title as well as the content of the draft resolution on this subject has this year been considerably improved with a view to finding consensus language.

The general debate in the First Committee also involved such issues as transparency in armaments, where many Member States stressed the importance of improving the operation of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms. Most speakers regarded the Register as a necessary and appropriate step towards confidence-building among States. Various delegations called for the expansion of the scope of the Register to enable it to include nationally manufactured conventional weapons as well as weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems. It was noted with regret by some States that the governmental group of experts entrusted with the improvement of the Register's operation had last year failed to achieve its goals.

The Committee's deliberations highlighted other issues such as the ongoing Conference on certain conventional weapons, which is addressing the question of the Protocol on land-mines; a moratorium on the export of anti-personnel land-mines; disarmament and development; a regional approach to disarmament; the role of science and technology in disarmament; and the newly introduced question of "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control".

Among the controversial issues tackled by the Committee this year was that of convening a fourth special General Assembly session devoted to disarmament. Views varied concerning, *inter alia*, a specific time-frame for that special session, and no compromise was reached to pave the way for consensus on this issue.

Finally, it should be noted that this year also the question of rationalization of the work of the First Committee enjoyed the support of delegations, and the Committee adopted a decision, based on a proposal introduced by the Chairman of the Committee, to the effect that consultations aiming at further rationalization should be continued until the fifty-second session, when this item would be taken up again by the Committee.

In conclusion, I should like to extend a well-deserved tribute to all the members of the First Committee, whose spirit of cooperation and conciliation made it possible for the Committee to conclude its work at the current session of the General Assembly one day ahead of schedule.

I should like to pay a special tribute to the Chairman of the First Committee, His Excellency Ambassador Luvsangiin Erdenechuluun of Mongolia, whose impeccable mastery of disarmament and international

security issues and long-term experience in the field of disarmament and well-known diplomatic skills enabled the Committee to conclude its work successfully.

I should like to thank the Committee's Vice-Chairmen, His Excellency Ambassador Antonio de Icaza of Mexico and His Excellency Ambassador Wolfgang Hoffmann of Germany, for the excellent manner in which they discharged the responsibilities entrusted to them. I should also like to express my appreciation to the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Mr. Marrack Goulding, and to the Director of the Centre for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Prvoslav Davinic, for their contribution to the work of the Committee.

I also take great pleasure in thanking the Committee Secretary, Mr. Sohrab Kheradi, whose knowledge and vast experience in the field of disarmament contributed immensely to the successful conclusion of the work of the Committee. I should also like to thank all those who collaborated with him, including Mr. Sattar, Mr. Alasaniya, Mrs. Kulanusorstit and Mrs. Nania.

The President: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the First Committee that are before it today.

It was so decided.

The President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the First Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401 the Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee".

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the First Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we shall take decisions in the same manner as in the First Committee unless notified otherwise in advance. This means that where recorded or separate votes were taken in the Committee, we will do the same.

I would also hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the First Committee.

Agenda item 57

Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations

Report of the First Committee (A/50/577)

The President: The General Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report.

The draft resolution, entitled "Compliance with arms limitations and disarmament agreements", was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 50/60).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 57?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 58

Education and information for disarmament

Report of the First Committee (A/50/578)

The President: In paragraph 5 of its report, the First Committee informs the Assembly that no action was taken by the Committee under agenda item 58.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to take note of the report of the First Committee and to conclude its consideration of agenda item 58?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 59

Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification

Report of the First Committee (A/50/579)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

United States of America

Abstaining:

Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Georgia, Israel, Monaco, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The draft resolution was adopted by 157 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions (resolution 50/61).

[Subsequently, the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 59?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 60

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

Report of the First Committee (A/50/580)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-

Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The draft decision was adopted by 109 votes to none, with 54 abstentions.

[Subsequently, the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 60?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 61

Reduction of military budgets

Report of the First Committee (A/50/581)

The President: In paragraph 5 of its report, the First Committee informs the Assembly that no action was taken by the Committee under agenda item 61.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to take note of the report of the First Committee and to conclude its consideration of agenda item 61?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 62

Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security

Report of the First Committee (A/50/582)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

The draft resolution is entitled "The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament".

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia,

Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

France, Israel, Luxembourg, Netherlands, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine

The draft resolution was adopted by 104 votes to 6, with 53 abstentions (resolution 50/62).

[Subsequently, the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 63

The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields

Report of the First Committee (A/50/583)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Pakistan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The draft resolution was adopted by 157 votes to none, with 9 abstentions (resolution 50/63).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 64

Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water

Report of the First Committee (A/50/584)

The President: I call on the representative of Swaziland, who wishes to speak in explanation of vote or position before the vote.

Mr. Dlamini (Swaziland): My delegation wishes to explain that we could not hammer out any position in the First Committee because we were awaiting instructions from our capital. Fortunately, my delegation is now ready to take action as per instructions.

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Israel, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine

The draft resolution was adopted by 110 votes to 4, with 45 abstentions (resolution 50/64).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 65

Comprehensive test-ban treaty

Report of the First Committee (A/50/585 and Corr.1)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report.

The draft resolution is entitled "Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty".

A separate vote has been requested on operative paragraph 2. Is there any objection to that request?

There is no objection.

I shall therefore put to the vote first operative paragraph 2.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

China

Operative paragraph 2 was adopted by 166 votes to none, with 1 abstention.

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution as a whole.

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted (resolution 50/65).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 66

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East

Report of the First Committee (A/50/586)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 50/66).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 67

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia

Report of the First Committee (A/50/587)

The President: I call on the representative of Swaziland, who wishes to speak in explanation of vote or position before the vote.

Mr. Dlamini (Swaziland): Here again, we could not participate in the decision in the First Committee because we had not received word from our capital. Fortunately, we are ready today.

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Bhutan, India, Mauritius

Abstaining:

Algeria, Cuba, Cyprus, Indonesia, Israel, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Myanmar, Viet Nam

The draft resolution was adopted by 154 votes to 3, with 9 abstentions (resolution 50/67).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 68

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

Report of the First Committee (A/50/588)

The President: I call on the representative of Swaziland, who wishes to speak in explanation of vote or position before the vote.

Mr. Dlamini (Swaziland): We now have the instructions that we had not received at the time this item was discussed in the First Committee.

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan

The draft resolution was adopted by 122 votes to none, with 44 abstentions (resolution 50/68).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 69

Prevention of an arms race in outer space

Report of the First Committee (A/50/589)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report.

Separate votes have been requested on the nineteenth preambular paragraph and on operative paragraphs 8 and 10.

Is there any objection to that request?

There is no objection.

I shall therefore put to the vote first the nineteenth preambular paragraph.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan

The nineteenth preambular paragraph was adopted by 106 votes to 1, with 57 abstentions.

The President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 8.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania,

Luxembourg, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan

Operative paragraph 8 was adopted by 108 votes to 1, with 57 abstentions.

The President: I shall next put to the vote operative paragraph 10.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uzbekistan

Operative paragraph 10 was adopted by 99 votes to 1, with 64 abstentions.

The President: I now put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone,

Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 121 votes to none, with 46 abstentions (resolution 50/69).

[Subsequently, the delegation of France informed the Secretariat that it had intended to abstain.]

The President: I shall now call on the representative of Canada, who wishes to speak in explanation of vote.

Mr. Snell (Canada): In reference to the outer-space resolution before us, I want to affirm that Canada's abstention this year does not represent a lessening of our commitment to ensuring the prevention of an arms race in outer space. It rather stems from our firm conviction that, on a priority basis in 1996, the Conference on Disarmament should focus its resources to the greatest degree possible on the achievement of an early and successful conclusion of the negotiations relating to a comprehensive test-ban treaty. We cannot support, therefore, the establishment of an ad hoc committee as called for in the resolution.

As the Assembly is aware, over time Canada has been a strong and constant supporter of the discussions at the multilateral level in the Conference on Disarmament on issues relating to arms control in outer space. Canadian policy in this regard has not changed. It remains firmly based on the principle that outer space should remain, as it is now, weapons-free. Activities in the Conference on Disarmament relating to this objective will continue to receive our strong and direct support. It is our firm conviction that, with the successful conclusion of its nuclear negotiations, the Conference on Disarmament should return to pursuing its outer-space mandate in succeeding years.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 70

General and complete disarmament

Report of the First Committee (A/50/590 and Corr.1)

The President: I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their vote or position before the vote.

Mr. Felicio (Brazil): I wish to explain my country's position with regard to draft resolution Q, entitled "1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)". This draft resolution appeared in document A/C.1/50/L.49/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

Brazil, which is party to the legally binding commitments related to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons in the context of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and other instruments involving the International Atomic Energy Agency and the application of safeguards, will not participate in the vote on this draft resolution since, in my Government's understanding, it concerns only the States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

I wish to request that Brazil's non-participation be duly reflected in the record of the vote on this draft resolution.

Mr. Dlamini (Swaziland): In this case, too, my delegation was not able to participate in the decision in the First Committee because we were awaiting

instructions from our capital. I am pleased to announce that we have now received those instructions.

Mr. Dejammet (France) *(interpretation from French)*: The French delegation would like to recall the reasons for the vote it is going to cast on draft resolution A — document A/C.1/50/L.3 in the First Committee — entitled "Nuclear testing". We wish to emphasize why we believe that this text is unfounded, unfair, pernicious and useless.

France supports the conclusion, as early as 1996, of a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty. France was the first among the nuclear-weapon States to advocate the zero option with respect to nuclear testing — that is to say, a stringent test-ban treaty prohibiting all testing of nuclear weapons or any other nuclear explosions. France welcomed the fact that most of its nuclear partners rallied to this demand, and it will continue to pursue this objective.

But, in order to uphold the zero-option objective and to plead the cause of a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty, France had to acquire a system to enable it to verify in the future the reliability of its deterrence capability without having to carry out any more tests, however limited they might be.

In order to acquire this simulation system, which will prohibit all testing of nuclear weapons or any other nuclear explosions, France, like other nuclear Powers, had to complete a very limited nuclear-testing programme.

France will complete this programme in a very short time, for it is intent on abiding by its commitment with respect to the conclusion of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty in 1996.

In doing this, France is acquiring the means to advocate the zero option and is working for a stringent comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty.

In doing this, France is respecting its international commitments. No legal provision, no commitment entered into by France relates to an "immediate cessation of all nuclear testing". For three years now, the international community has been calling on the nuclear Powers to pledge to exercise the utmost restraint. The series of very limited tests which is about to be completed is in keeping with this criterion of utmost restraint.

In doing this, France is not taking any action likely to damage the environment. Ample evidence has been provided to confirm this fact. France has displayed unequalled readiness to promote transparency and cooperation.

The present draft resolution seems to us very far removed from the international community's objectives with respect to disarmament. They are reflected in two draft resolutions that are before the Assembly today and that in the First Committee were document A/C.1/50/L.8/Rev.1, entitled "Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty", and document A/C.1/50/L.17/Rev.2, entitled "Nuclear disarmament with a view to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons". These two texts meet all of the international community's concerns in this field. They are fundamental texts and France supports them fully.

But the premises of draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.3 do not correspond to the law as it stands. The commitment to utmost restraint, adopted as early as 1993 and confirmed this year, was not and is not a commitment to an "immediate cessation". The draft resolution has no legal basis.

Draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.3 calls for immediate cessation, whereas it is common knowledge that the objective of our final testing programme serves the interests of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty and it is common knowledge that this testing programme will have ended well before the conclusion of that treaty in 1996. Draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.3 is thus unfounded and unrealistic.

The draft resolution mistakenly gives credence to the idea that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons might not be respected. For this reason, we regard it as pernicious also.

This draft resolution is finally rearing its head in 1995, whereas all the parameters relating to the question of nuclear testing existed in preceding years. But no draft resolution on the immediate cessation of tests has been put before the General Assembly in recent years. So why are we considering this text this year? How could anyone fail to wonder about the real objectives of this draft resolution? How could anyone fail to arrive at the conclusion that there are other motives behind the draft resolution besides that of promoting nuclear disarmament? In this respect, we regard the text as unfair.

On 6 December 1995, France solemnly announced that this final testing programme would be completed by

the end of February 1996 — in other words, in a few weeks' time.

The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency has just granted our request to set up an international committee of experts with the task of establishing, yet again, that the French tests are not harmful.

These two elements, which have arisen since the vote in the First Committee, must be added to all the others that militate against the adoption of the draft resolution.

That is why France will vote against the adoption of this draft resolution. That is why France will continue on its chosen course. France will have completed the tests in a few weeks, well before the conclusion of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty. France will support the zero option in the negotiations on that treaty. France will work for the signing of the comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty in 1996 and will continue to work for non-proliferation, global disarmament and peace.

Mr. Cassar (Malta): I wish to make a statement in explanation of vote on the draft resolution, "Nuclear testing", that appeared in document A/C.1/50/L.3 in the First Committee.

On the question of nuclear weapons, Malta has a consistent and unequivocal position of strong encouragement and support for all measures aimed at nuclear disarmament. The States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) have urged the early conclusion of a comprehensive test-ban treaty. This policy is an integral part of Malta's overall policy on disarmament issues, where it is supportive of effective measures aimed at reducing the level of all armaments. Malta recognizes and appreciates the endeavours of nuclear-weapon States towards the promotion of peace and stability. We welcome the indefinite extension of the NPT and the nuclear-weapon States' contribution to efforts to reach a comprehensive test-ban treaty.

Within this context, Malta has taken positive note of the solemn announcement made recently by one of the nuclear-weapon States that its current and last series of nuclear tests was to be completed by the end of February 1996, well ahead of the initially announced date of 31 May 1996, and of the commitment made by the same nuclear-weapon State that as from that date it will no longer carry out any nuclear explosion, even prior to the conclusion and signing of a comprehensive test-ban treaty. Malta states its understanding that the current draft resolution is aimed at the broader issue of nuclear testing.

In casting its vote in favour of draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.3, Malta would like to express its reservation on the fourth preambular paragraph. Malta feels that that paragraph is not a correct reflection of the undertakings by the nuclear-weapon States at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Malta stresses again its desire for the early conclusion of a comprehensive test-ban treaty and acknowledges and welcomes the commitment of all nuclear Powers to the conclusion of this agreement.

Mr. Hakwenye (Namibia): My delegation has now received proper instructions on the draft resolution entitled "Nuclear testing".

The President: The Assembly has before it 18 draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 71 of its report and one draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 72.

I shall put the 18 draft resolutions and the draft decision to the Assembly one by one. After all the decisions have been taken, representatives will again have the opportunity to explain their vote or position.

We shall turn first to draft resolution A, entitled "Nuclear testing".

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was begun.

Mr. Perfiliev (Director, General Assembly Affairs Division): I wish to make it clear that the Assembly is voting on draft resolution A in document A/50/590 and Corr.1. This draft resolution, entitled "Nuclear testing", appeared in the First Committee as document A/C.1/50/L.3.

Will all delegations confirm that their votes are accurately reflected on the board?

The President: I call on the representative of Oman on a point of order.

Mr. Al-Hassan (Oman): My delegation mistakenly participated in the voting on this draft resolution. We should like to correct that. Oman wishes not to participate in the voting and asks that this be reflected in the proceedings of this meeting of the General Assembly.

The President: I call on the representative of France on a point of order.

Mr. Dejammet (France) (*interpretation from French*): For once, this is indeed a point of order — order in the voting on the draft resolutions. I am afraid there is some confusion, because the document before us contains the texts of the draft resolutions in a certain order, which is not the one announced by the President.

I would therefore like us to be absolutely clear about what text we are voting on. It seems to me that if we are voting on the draft resolution on nuclear testing, that should be stated specifically by the President, and he should make it clear that the draft resolution is contained in document A/C.1/50/L.3. This must be stated very clearly by the President so that we will know what we are voting on. The order set out in the table of draft resolutions does not seem to have been respected, and this has given rise to some confusion.

I would ask you, Mr. President, if at all possible, to put the draft resolution to the vote again, making it clear that it is the draft resolution in document A/C.1/50/L.3. That would make everything much clearer.

The President: May I clarify the situation?

The Assembly is voting on draft resolution A, entitled "Nuclear testing", in document A/50/590 and Corr.1. This corresponds to the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/50/L.3, which was discussed and voted on in the First Committee. This, I think, is clear to everybody.

If any delegation wishes to change its vote, it can do so now because the machine is still open. I therefore do not believe that we need to repeat the voting. I repeat: the machine is open and any vote can be changed.

It is clear that we are voting on the draft resolution entitled "Nuclear testing", contained in document A/C.1/50/L.3 in the First Committee and now called draft resolution A for the purpose of this vote in the plenary Assembly.

I call on the representative of Oman on a point of order.

Mr. Al-Hassan (Oman): My delegation fully shares the opinion expressed by the delegation of France. Due to the order that appears in the document before us, my delegation mistakenly participated in the voting. You said, Mr. President, that delegations can still change their positions because the machine is open. But in our case we did take part in the voting, and we did not wish to take part. If the vote could be taken once again, with a clear and precise statement to delegations about which draft resolution we were voting on, my delegation would not participate.

The President: I call on the representative of Cape Verde on a point of order.

Mr. De Matos (Cape Verde) (*interpretation from French*): I wish to speak in support of the statement made by the representative of Oman. Once one has pressed the button, it is impossible to reverse oneself. Cape Verde does not wish to participate in the vote, but the voting buttons give us only three options: in favour, against or abstention. Our choice is: not participating in the vote.

Mr. Mubarak (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) (*interpretation from Arabic*): I do not want to change my vote. I have voted correctly. However, so that the present situation does not occur in the voting on other draft resolutions, I would ask that the President refer to the draft resolution by the document number used in the First Committee. I was the first to ask to speak to clarify this matter, because the document, as it is before us now, does not reflect in its first part the Rapporteur's recommendations in the second part in the same order.

Mr. Dlamini (Swaziland): The President has correctly advised the Assembly that, since the voting machine has not been locked, those who feel that they have inadvertently voted incorrectly have enough latitude to change. However, to start from the beginning would be unfair to those who voted as they wished to. I therefore concur with the view expressed by the President.

The President: Since delegations still have the possibility of changing their vote, the only problem we have now relates to delegations that participated in the voting on this draft resolution but did not wish to participate. So far two delegations have indicated that

they mistakenly participated in the voting and do not want to do so. This can be reflected in the results of the vote.

Are there any other delegations that mistakenly participated in the voting and wish not to participate in it?

There appear to be none. May I therefore consider that we can take into account the desire expressed by the two delegations that do not want to participate in the voting?

The Assembly is voting on draft resolution A in document A/50/590 and Corr.1.

Will all delegations confirm that their votes are accurately reflected on the board?

The voting has been completed, and the machine is now locked.

In favour:

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Benin, Cameroon, Chad, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gabon, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Monaco, Niger, Senegal, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Abstaining:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Armenia, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, El Salvador, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Israel, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Morocco, Namibia, Pakistan, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, United States of America, Zaire

Draft resolution A was adopted by 85 votes to 18, with 43 abstentions (resolution 50/70 A).

[Subsequently, the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote against; the delegation of Turkmenistan had intended to abstain.]

The President: Draft resolution B is entitled "Small arms".

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay,

Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Fiji, India, Israel, Lithuania, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates

Draft resolution B was adopted by 140 votes to none, with 19 abstentions (resolution 50/70 B).

[Subsequently, the delegations of Azerbaijan and Lithuania informed the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour; the delegation of Indonesia had intended to abstain.]

The President: I call on the representative of Lebanon on a point of order.

Mr. Hamdan (Lebanon): Lebanon did not wish to participate in the vote on draft resolution B. I ask that this be made clear in the record of this meeting.

The President: Draft resolution C is entitled "Nuclear disarmament with a view to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons".

Separate votes have been requested on the fifth preambular paragraph and on operative paragraph 1.

Is there any objection to that request?

I call on the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Mr. Mubarak (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) (*interpretation from Arabic*): My delegation believes that the measure we are about to take will lead to many mistakes in the voting. We would request that for the sake of clarity the President refer to the number of the draft resolution as it was presented in the First Committee, because the numbers in the first part of the document before us are different from those in the second part, under "Recommendations". I therefore repeat and insist upon my request.

The President: For the sake of clarity, let me remind members that in the First Committee draft resolution C, entitled "Nuclear disarmament with a view to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons", was contained in document A/C.1/50/L.17/Rev.2.

Separate votes have been requested on the fifth preambular paragraph and on operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution C.

Is there any objection to that request?

There is no objection.

I shall therefore put to the vote first the fifth preambular paragraph.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco,

Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Brazil, Cuba, Egypt, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zimbabwe

The fifth preambular paragraph was adopted by 143 votes to none, with 17 abstentions.

[Subsequently, the delegation of Uganda informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour; the delegation of Lebanon had intended to abstain.]

The President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 1.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

India, Israel

Abstaining:

Brazil, Cuba, Namibia, Pakistan

Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by 156 votes to 2, with 4 abstentions.

The President: I shall now put to the vote draft resolution C as a whole.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium,

Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Algeria, Brazil, China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Myanmar, Pakistan

Draft resolution C as a whole was adopted by 154 votes to none, with 10 abstentions (resolution 50/70 C).

The President: Draft resolution D is entitled "Transparency in armaments"; it corresponds to First Committee draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.18.

Separate votes have been requested on operative paragraphs 3 (*b*) and 5.

Is there any objection to that request?

There is no objection.

I shall therefore put to the vote first operative paragraph 3 (*b*).

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:
None

Abstaining:
China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan

Operative paragraph 3 (b) was adopted by 142 votes to none, with 13 abstentions.

The President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 5.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:
Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:
None

Abstaining:
China, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan

Operative paragraph 5 was adopted by 143 votes to none, with 17 abstentions.

The President: I now put to the vote draft resolution D as a whole.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:
Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland,

Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:
None

Abstaining:
Algeria, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic

Draft resolution D as a whole was adopted by 149 votes to none, with 15 abstentions (resolution 50/70 D).

The President: Draft resolution E is entitled "Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive waste". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.22 in the First Committee.

The First Committee adopted draft resolution E without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution E was adopted (resolution 50/70 E).

The President: Draft resolution F is entitled "Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.25/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

Separate votes have been requested on operative paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5.

Is there any objection to that request?

There is no objection.

I shall therefore put to the vote first operative paragraph 1.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:
Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:
Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Equatorial Guinea, Japan, Kazakstan, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Ukraine

Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by 109 votes to 40, with 12 abstentions.

The President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 2.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Japan, Kazakstan, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Ukraine

Operative paragraph 2 was adopted by 109 votes to 41, with 10 abstentions.

The President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 4.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Equatorial Guinea, Japan, Kazakstan, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Ukraine

Operative paragraph 4 was adopted by 107 votes to 40, with 11 abstentions.

The President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 5.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Equatorial Guinea, Japan, Kazakstan, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Ukraine

Operative paragraph 5 was adopted by 107 votes to 40, with 11 abstentions.

The President: I shall now put to the vote draft resolution F as a whole.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States

of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Draft resolution F as a whole was adopted by 111 votes to 2, with 49 abstentions (resolution 50/70 F).

The President: Draft resolution G is entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.26 in the First Committee.

The First Committee adopted draft resolution G without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution G was adopted (resolution 50/70 G).

The President: Draft resolution H is entitled "Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.29/Rev.2 in the First Committee.

Draft resolution H was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution H was adopted (resolution 50/70 H).

The President: Draft resolution I is entitled "Bilateral nuclear arms negotiations and nuclear disarmament". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.35/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

A separate vote has been requested on the seventh preambular paragraph.

Is there any objection to that request?

There is no objection.

I shall therefore put to the vote first the seventh preambular paragraph.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua

New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Zaire

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Angola, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Guyana, India, Israel, Kenya, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

The seventh preambular paragraph was adopted by 128 votes to none, with 27 abstentions.

The President: I shall now put to the vote draft resolution I as a whole.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania

Draft resolution I as a whole was adopted by 150 votes to none, with 14 abstentions (resolution 50/70 I).

[Subsequently, the delegation of Lebanon informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The President: Draft resolution J is entitled "Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.37/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

Draft resolution J was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution J was adopted (resolution 50/70 J).

The President: Draft resolution K is entitled "Regional disarmament". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.38 in the First Committee.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

India

Draft resolution K was adopted by 165 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 50/70 K).

The President: Draft resolution L is entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.40 in the First Committee.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands,

South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Brazil, Cuba, India, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Nigeria, Venezuela

Draft resolution L was adopted by 158 votes to none, with 7 abstentions (resolution 50/70 L).

The President: Draft resolution M is entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.41/Rev.2 in the First Committee.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

France, Israel, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Canada, Japan

Draft resolution M was adopted by 157 votes to 4, with 2 abstentions (resolution 50/70 M).

The President: Draft resolution N is entitled "Bilateral nuclear arms negotiations and nuclear disarmament". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.44/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao

People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Belarus, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Ireland, Japan, Kazakstan, Liechtenstein, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), New Zealand, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Tajikistan, Ukraine

Draft resolution N was adopted by 105 votes to 37, with 20 abstentions (resolution 50/70 N).

The President: Draft resolution O is entitled "Moratorium on the export of anti-personnel land-mines". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.45 in the First Committee.

Draft resolution O was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution O was adopted (resolution 50/70 O).

The President: Draft resolution P is entitled "Nuclear disarmament". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.46/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Belarus, Benin, Croatia, Cyprus, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Japan, Kazakstan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Ukraine

Draft resolution P was adopted by 106 votes to 39, with 17 abstentions (resolution 50/70 P).

The President: Draft resolution Q is entitled "1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.49/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

India, Israel

Draft resolution Q was adopted by 161 votes to none, with 2 abstentions (resolution 50/70 Q).

The President: Draft resolution R is entitled "Contribution to nuclear disarmament". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.50/Rev.2 in the First Committee.

Draft resolution R was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution R was adopted (resolution 50/70 R).

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 72 of its report.

The draft decision is entitled "Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of vehicles for their delivery in all its aspects", and it corresponds to draft decision A/C.1/50/L.2 in the First Committee.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh,

Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The draft decision was adopted by 114 votes to 1, with 49 abstentions.

The President: I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their vote or position.

Mr. Rivero Rosario (Cuba) (*interpretation from Spanish*): The Cuban delegation wishes to explain its position on resolution 50/70 Q, "1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons", whose adoption was recommended by the First Committee in its report in document A/50/590 and Corr.1.

The Cuban delegation voted in favour of this resolution. In so doing, we bore in mind that it is eminently factual, taking note of the holding of the 1995 Conference and of the three decisions and the resolution on the Middle East adopted there, as well as of the decisions adopted by the States parties to the Treaty. The Cuban delegation wishes to state, for the record, that, for these reasons, its vote in favour of the text should in no way be interpreted as representing a change in its substantive position on the question of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, to which my country is not a party, and on which it has expressed its opinions at the appropriate time.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 71

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly

Report of the First Committee (A/50/591)

The President: The Assembly has before it five draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 19 of its report.

I now call on the representative of Swaziland, who wishes to speak in explanation of vote or position before the vote.

Mr. Dlamini (Swaziland): During the debate in the First Committee we were still in the process of liaising with our capital in regard to our position on the draft resolution concerning agenda item 71. We have the pleasure to report that we can now take a position in favour.

The President: The Assembly has before it five draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee. I shall put the five draft resolutions to the Assembly one

by one. After all the decisions have been taken, representatives will again have the opportunity to explain their vote or position.

We turn first to draft resolution A, entitled "United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.11 in the First Committee.

The First Committee adopted draft resolution A without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution A was adopted (resolution 50/71 A).

The President: Draft resolution B is entitled "Regional confidence-building measures". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.20/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution B was adopted (resolution 50/71 B).

The President: Draft resolution C is entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.24 in the First Committee.

The First Committee adopted draft resolution C without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution C was adopted (resolution 50/71 C).

The President: Draft resolution D is entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.31/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

A separate vote has been requested on operative paragraph 4.

Is there any objection to that request?

There is no objection.

I shall therefore put to the vote first operative paragraph 4.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu,

Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:
None

Abstaining:
China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India

Operative paragraph 4 was adopted by 161 votes to none, with 3 abstentions.

The President: We shall now take a decision on draft resolution D as a whole.

The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution D as a whole without a vote?

Draft resolution D as a whole was adopted (resolution 50/71 D).

The President: Draft resolution E is entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.47 in the First Committee.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:
Algeria, Angola, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:
Andorra, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:
Afghanistan, Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Croatia, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Georgia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Malta, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

Draft resolution E was adopted by 108 votes to 27, with 28 abstentions (resolution 50/71 E).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 72

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session

Report of the First Committee (A/50/592)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the four draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 16 of its report.

We shall turn first to draft resolution A, entitled "Report of the Conference on Disarmament". It

corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.4 in the First Committee.

The First Committee adopted draft resolution A without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution A was adopted (resolution 50/72 A).

The President: Draft resolution B is entitled "Disarmament Week". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.16 in the First Committee.

The First Committee adopted draft resolution B without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution B was adopted (resolution 50/72 B).

The President: Draft resolution C is entitled "Expansion of the membership of the Conference on Disarmament". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.21/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

The First Committee adopted draft resolution C without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution C was adopted (resolution 50/72 C).

The President: Draft resolution D is entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.28/Rev.1 of the First Committee.

A separate vote has been requested on operative paragraph 12.

Is there any objection to that request?

There is no objection.

I shall therefore put to the vote first operative paragraph 12.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Israel, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan

Operative paragraph 12 was adopted by 162 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

The President: We shall now take a decision on draft resolution D as a whole. I would recall that it corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.28/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

Draft resolution D as a whole was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution D as a whole was adopted (resolution 50/72 D).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 73

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East

Report of the First Committee (A/50/593)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. This draft resolution, entitled "The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East", corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.19/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

A separate vote has been requested on the sixth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution.

Is there any objection to that request?

There is no objection.

I shall therefore put to the vote first the sixth preambular paragraph.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen

Against:

India, Israel

Abstaining:

Angola, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Cuba, El Salvador, Georgia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Marshall Islands, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Rwanda, Suriname, Swaziland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Zaire, Zambia

The sixth preambular paragraph was adopted by 122 votes to 2, with 27 abstentions.

[Subsequently, the delegation of Belarus informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour; the delegation of Pakistan had intended to abstain.]

The President: I now put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Chad, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, New Zealand, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen

Against:

Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Zaire, Zambia

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 56 votes to 2, with 100 abstentions (resolution 50/73).

The President: I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their vote on the resolution just adopted.

Mr. Rider (New Zealand): New Zealand supported the resolution we have just adopted under agenda item 73. We did so because of our concerns about the risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East. We share the concern that other States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) expressed at this year's Review and Extension Conference over the continued existence in the Middle East of unsafeguarded nuclear facilities.

We reaffirm the importance of universal adherence to the Treaty and we call on all States in the Middle East that have not yet done so to accede to the Treaty as soon as possible.

We note that the resolution singles out Israel in this regard. That in our view is inappropriate. As I have stated, New Zealand calls on all non-NPT parties in the region, as elsewhere, to join the overwhelming majority of the international community which see the Non-Proliferation Treaty as the basis from which we will work for a nuclear-free future.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 74

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

Report of the First Committee (A/50/594)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First

Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. This corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.34 in the First Committee.

The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 50/74).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of Agenda item 74?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 75

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region

Report of the First Committee (A/50/595)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.6/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 50/75).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 76

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace

Report of the First Committee (A/50/596)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.27 in the First Committee.

We shall now begin the voting process.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

France, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland,

Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Uzbekistan

The draft resolution was adopted by 123 votes to 3, with 39 abstentions (resolution 50/76).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 77

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco)

Report of the First Committee (A/50/597)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.5/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 50/77).

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 78

Final text of a treaty on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone

Report of the First Committee (A/50/598)

Amendment (A/50/L.55)

The President: The Assembly has before it the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.23/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

In connection with the draft resolution, the Assembly also has before it an amendment submitted by South Africa and circulated in document A/50/L.55.

I call on the representative of South Africa to introduce the amendment contained in document A/50/L.55.

Mr. Burgh (South Africa): The purpose of the amendment which I am now introducing is merely to express gratitude to the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency for their diligence in assisting the group of experts to prepare a draft resolution on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone.

This amendment was discussed with the African Group and also with representatives of other regional groups, who voiced no objection to the newly inserted operative paragraph 7. I would therefore urge all members to support the draft resolution and its amendment so that it may be adopted by consensus.

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report and on the amendment thereto contained in document A/50/L.55.

In accordance with rule 90 of the rules of procedure, the Assembly shall first take a decision on the amendment, which, if adopted, would become a new operative paragraph 7, with subsequent paragraphs being renumbered accordingly.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the amendment circulated in document A/50/L.55?

The amendment was adopted.

The President: We shall now proceed to take a decision on the draft resolution as amended, contained in paragraph 8 of the report.

The draft resolution is entitled "Final text of the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (the Pelindaba Treaty)".

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt the draft resolution as amended?

The draft resolution as amended was adopted (resolution 50/78).

The President: May I take it that the Assembly wishes to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 79

Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee

Report of the First Committee (A/50/599)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. It corresponds to draft decision A/C.1/50/L.51 in the First Committee.

The draft decision was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 80

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

Report of the First Committee (A/50/600 and Corr.1)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 14 of its report. It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.1/Rev.1 in the First Committee.

The draft resolution was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 50/79).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 81

Maintenance of international security

Report of the First Committee (A/50/601)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report.

We turn first to draft resolution A, entitled "Permanent neutrality of Turkmenistan". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.9 in the First Committee.

Draft resolution A was adopted by the First Committee without a vote.

May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution A was adopted (resolution 50/80 A).

The President: Draft resolution B is entitled "Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States". It corresponds to draft resolution A/C.1/50/L.43 in the First Committee.

The First Committee adopted draft resolution B without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution B was adopted (resolution 50/80 B).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81?

It was so decided.

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee.

Programme of work

The President: I should like to inform members that, on Thursday, 14 December, in the morning, the Assembly will take up as the first item the second report of the Credentials Committee. Thereafter, the Assembly will resume its consideration of agenda item 105, "Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family", for the purpose of taking action on the draft resolution contained in the note by the Secretary-General (A/50/728). Following that, the Assembly will consider agenda item 46, "Assistance in mine clearance".

I should also like to inform members that on Friday, 15 December, in the morning, as the second item, the General Assembly will resume its consideration of agenda item 42, "Question of Palestine", for the purpose of taking action on draft resolutions A/50/L.47, A/50/L.48, A/50/L.49 and A/50/L.50, submitted under this item.

The meeting rose at 6.05 p.m.